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In re Application of <b>DAVID M. TUCKER et al.</b>	
Application Number <b>10/716,248</b>	Filed <b>02/13/2003</b>
For <b>Subsea Vehicle Assisted Pipeline Emplacement Method</b>	
Art Unit <b>2856</b>	Examiner <b>Garber, Charles D.</b>

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David M. Tucker et al.	§	Art Unit 2856
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